

Hanco, Porto Rico, W.I.

May 12. 1880.

Dear Dr. Cox,

I write
to say that I have closed
collecting and will return to
the states in about a month,
The collection is small about
100 species only perhaps a few more.

No rain here for six months
Excursive drought - vegetation brown
burnt up long ago, Cattle
dying for want of provender,
creeks dry long ago, water
for necessary use scarce,

An old cane planter told me
a few days ago - these excursive
droughts occur once in 8-10 years,
and that last year there was too
much rain so that they lost their
cane crop, - This year the
sugar yielded well on account of

The - dry weather - At Ponce
this place and the plantations
intermediate are cultivated by
system of irrigation - elsewhere
on the island they do not irrigate

The drought extended of the
whole of the island, but perhaps
less so on the mountains -

The north side of the island
is as bare and burnt up as
the south -

I could have added more
to my collections had I included
all plants the weeds as well as
such as I collected before in
Florida. but I found no in-
terest in these and hence passed
them by,

When I return you will hear
from me in New York, likely
in June,

It is becoming so hot here

now and my health - requires
me to leave soon - as well as
the craving appetite for something
good to eat again which we can
not get here for money,

Cordially Yours
A. P. Garber,